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Suggestion: Ha in desert - ~~just~~ <sup>desert</sup> place. ~~sin~~ <sup>deterrent</sup> SIN.

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Cal #3  
Subject:

How many? WANT to sin? NONE!  
WANT TO AVOID sin! ALL!  
Based on: Col. 2:13-23.

Man's Way or Christ's Way

Int. Lord's Church at Colosse was facing the same threats and dangers as other young churches of Christ. **THEN! + NOW!**

1. Mysticism of the East. Oriental influence. *In U.S. TODAY*
2. Mythology of the West. Occidental influence.
3. Judaism from the Middle East. Judaizers. *Jews*
4. Paganism from Rome and the Empire. *idol worship*

Paul, in Colossians had the same goal and purpose as he did in the letter to the Galatians. Gal. 1:8-12. Gal. 5:1-6.

Paul's Appeal: Don't give up your freedom in Christ for the bondage of Judaism or any man-made system.

A. Jesus promised Freedom of soul and body. John 8:31-32, 36. *Free indeed!* mkt. 16:15-16. Squid. acts 8:22. Forgiveness. Simon.

1. The Colossians were free of all former sins. Col. 2: a. v. 13. Were dead in sin. Were servants of the flesh. Carnal. Ill. I Tim. 5:6.

b. Now "quicken" - Made alive spiritually. *SACK & BLACK BOARD*  
If Col. 5:17. "Forgiven" all sins. Heb. 10:16-17. *He's drunkard - gambler daddy. murdered in Jefferson Hotel in Christ.*

2. I see also from: v. 16. 3 major areas. ordinances.

- a. Jewish ordinances about eating meats. I Tim. 4:3.
- b. The 8 cups of wine drank during the feast of the Passover. Jewish customs. Etc.

c. Holy Days: Sabbath, Pentecost, Passover, Tabernacles, v. *Harvest of the*

*His Day*  
*July! A. 20:7.*



John 4:24  
athens  
more  
cassio  
& golden  
california!  
not thru  
any image!

3. Free from Saint, angel and Idol Worship.  
V. 18. Example in Rev. 19:9-10. 1st + 2nd commandments.  
Ill. Worship of Saints continues today. Idolatry  
St. Patrick's Cathedral in N.Y. City. apostles in stone!  
Mother Mary in stone! St. Christopher in stone etc.  
Candles burning as WISHES to patron saints.  
Guide said: "not worship to the saints, but thru  
the saints. False religion. I Tim. 2:1-6.

Note: all prayers through Jesus.  
all worship to God thru Jesus!

4. Freedom In Christ Brings spiritual  
nourishment, strength and spiritual increase  
of the Body - the Church. V. 19.  
Ill. John 15:5-9.

5. Those dead with Christ are freed from  
the world's lusts, sins and human  
traditions. Example. Col. 3:1-4. Recliments.

a. a list of some worldly sins the Christian  
avoids at all costs. Ill. Ann Landers.

1. Drunkenness. Safe? course. No drinking.
2. adultery and fornication. Rev. 21:8+27.
3. Gambling. Not honest gain. Eph. 4:28.
4. Rebellion against parents. Eph. 6:1-3.
5. Narcotics - dope. I Cor. 3:16-17.
6. Denominationalism. Matt. 15:13. 7:13-14.

w. close with 4 loves. Matt. 22:37+39. I John 2:15-17.  
Be like: Ill. characteristic of free Christians.

Ill. "How know Jesus loves you?" Jesus needs more loving Christians.  
BECAUSE OF YOU!!